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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of:

Reinhard DEUTSCH, et al.

Appl. No. 09/987,210

Confirmation No. 6730

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR MANIPULATING COUPONS  
AND THE LIKE IN CIGARETTE  
PACKING MACHINES

Examiner: Thanh K. Truong

Art Unit: 3721

Customer No. **26694**  
PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2004, the period for responding to which has been extended for three months by the concurrently filed Request for Extension of Time to July 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

This Amendment adds four dependent claims for a total of 24 claims. The official fee has been paid for 21 claims. Accordingly, the Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge Deposit Account 22-0261 the official fee of \$54.00 for the three additional claims and to charge any additional fees required in connection with this Amendment and advise us accordingly.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would help to advance the prosecution of the present application, he is requested to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 26, 2004



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# PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Effective October 1, 2001

09/987,210  
31976-175930

## CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	20 minus 20 = *	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 minus 3 = *	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	* 21	Minus ** 20	= 1
Independent	* 3	Minus *** 3	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐ OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	370.00	OR	BASIC FEE	740.00
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X42=		OR	X84=	
+140=		OR	+280=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	740

SMALL ENTITY OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	18
X42=		OR	X84=	
+140=		OR	+280=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	* 20	Minus ** 21	= -
Independent	* 3	Minus *** 3	= -
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X42=		OR	X84=	
+140=		OR	+280=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	* 24	Minus ** 21	= 3
Independent	* 3	Minus *** 3	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	54.00
X42=		OR	X84=	
+140=		OR	+280=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	54

- \* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
  - \*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."
  - \*\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."
- The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.